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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Owens et al.

Application No.: 10/057,726

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR EXPRESSING  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES SPECIFICALLY  
IN SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS IN VIVO

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 2786

Examiner: Daniel Sullivan

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed July 29, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition of or a one month extension of time from August 29, 2003 to September 29, 2003 accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.